Alberta Population Report

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Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth for the Year 2004 continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of January 1, 2005, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,223,415. This represents an annual growth of approximately 44,300 persons (or 1.40% increase) from January 1, 2004. Ontario and British Columbia tied for the next largest annual growth rates at 1.11%.

The following table provides the January 1 population estimates and yearly growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1999.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, JANUARY 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
Jan 1	**Population**	**Growth Rate**	**Population**	**Growth Rate**
1999	30,262,408		2,926,555	
2000	30,528,850	0.88%	2,975,170	1.66%
2001	30,828,130	0.98%	3,028,773	1.80%
2002	31,182,448	1.15%	3,087,024	1.92%
2003	31,496,751	1.01%	3,136,581	1.61%
2004	31,788,635	0.93%	3,179,066	1.35%
2005	32,078,819	0.91%	3,223,415	1.40%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates of January 1, 2005 for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2 below. The estimated annual population growth rates for the Year 2004 are also included.

Migration

For the fourth quarter of 2004 (October 1 to December 31), Alberta had an estimated total net migration of 6,100 people (3,700 interprovincial and 2,400 international). After trailing British Columbia in the previous two quarters, Alberta had the largest gain in interprovincial migration again during the fourth quarter.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

On an annual basis, Alberta had a total of 11,600 net interprovincial migrants in 2004, the largest among all provinces. This is the eighth consecutive year that Alberta has maintained the highest interprovincial migration gain in Canada.

Natural Increase

In the fourth quarter, Alberta experienced a natural increase of over 4,500 people (9,500 births minus 5,000 deaths). During the Year 2004, Alberta had a total of 39,300 births and 19,700 deaths, resulting in a natural increase of 19,600 people.

More detailed demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1, 2005 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF 2004**

	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	516,986	137,734	937,538	751,257	7,568,640	12,449,502	1,174,645	995,280	3,223,415	4,219,968	31,227	42,944	29,683
Growth Rate	-0.35%	0.08%	0.03%	0.07%	0.69%	1.11%	0.83%	0.08%	1.40%	1.11%	0.97%	0.74%	1.48%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS OCTOBER 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2004

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	5	212	94	70	797	56	29	465	125	0	40	0
Prince Edward I.	46	0	89	89	10	106	4	0	98	25	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	303	25	0	444	188	873	85	15	700	254	49	5	6
New Brunswick	120	44	402	0	480	679	23	55	309	121	9	5	0
Quebec	23	25	100	314	0	3759	118	30	653	562	0	18	3
Ontario	1012	170	1128	662	3763	0	860	327	3072	3440	29	61	10
Manitoba	51	15	33	16	145	731	0	535	1066	751	0	27	30
Saskatchewan	8	0	58	19	35	347	512	0	2412	790	0	36	6
Alberta	447	57	315	197	409	1744	664	1417	0	4260	28	191	27
British Columbia	137	47	314	155	583	1892	439	510	4465	0	71	48	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	22	0	0	14	5	5	17	120	0	0	0
Northwest Terr.	0	0	11	0	20	48	25	18	224	116	41	0	12
Nunavut Terr.	22	0	0	0	0	60	70	0	0	0	6	10	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,169	388	2,684	1,990	5,703	11,050	2,861	2,941	13,481	10,564	233	441	94
Out Migration	1,893	467	2,947	2,247	5,605	14,534	3,400	4,223	9,756	8,661	183	515	168
Net Migration	276	-79	-263	-257	98	-3,484	-539	-1,282	3,725	1,903	50	-74	-74

Source: Statistics Canada

SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2004

Midyear Population (July 1, 2004): 3,201,895

Population (Jan 1, 2004): 3,179,066
Births (Jan. – Dec.): 39,326
Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 19,735
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 11,600
Net International Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 13,158
Growth (Jan. – Dec.): 44,349
Population (Jan 1, 2005): 3,223,415

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International						Total
	In-Migration	Out-Migration	*Net Interprovincial*	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	*Net International*	*Total Net Migration*
1998										
Jan - Mar	20,591	9,065	**11,526**	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	**1,644**	**13,170**
Apr - Jun	27,149	12,860	**14,289**	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	**2,020**	**16,309**
July - Sept	23,051	13,828	**9,223**	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	**1,605**	**10,828**
Oct - Dec	13,495	8,408	**5,087**	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	**591**	**5,678**
Total	*84,286*	*44,161*	***40,125***	*11,198*	*6,086*	*922*	*2,946*	*2,772*	***5,860***	***45,985***
1999										
Jan - Mar	14,693	10,103	**4,590**	2,614	853	460	592	476	**2,105**	**6,695**
Apr - Jun	19,693	13,402	**6,291**	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	**3,160**	**9,451**
July - Sept	21,712	15,993	**5,719**	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	**2,422**	**8,141**
Oct - Dec	11,862	8,770	**3,092**	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	**414**	**3,506**
Total	*67,960*	*48,268*	***19,692***	*12,089*	*5,450*	*1,483*	*2,918*	*2,897*	***8,101***	***27,793***
2000										
Jan - Mar	17,065	10,313	**6,752**	2,864	894	713	606	437	**2,514**	**9,266**
Apr - Jun	20,082	12,971	**7,111**	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	**3,018**	**10,129**
July - Sept	20,600	15,768	**4,832**	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	**2,926**	**7,758**
Oct - Dec	14,032	8,330	**5,702**	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	**1,157**	**6,859**
Total	*71,779*	*47,382*	***24,397***	*14,349*	*6,198*	*1,771*	*2,961*	*2,654*	***9,615***	***34,012***
2001										
Jan - Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	**3,652**	**8,145**
Apr - Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	**4,131**	**9,561**
July - Sept	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,653	1,030	1,038	**4,128**	**13,060**
Oct - Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	-749	650	503	**1,748**	**7,507**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,357*	*2,841*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***13,659***	***38,273***
2002										
Jan - Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	390	592	403	**3,417**	**9,209**
Apr - Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	581	663	824	**4,400**	**10,152**
July - Sept	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	2,121	1,205	1,031	1,037	**2,180**	**6,285**
Oct - Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	905	-857	650	502	**1,220**	**3,454**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,684*	*1,319*	*2,936*	*2,766*	***11,217***	***29,100***
2003										
Jan - Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,102	713	657	589	403	**2,860**	**5,443**
Apr - Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,297	945	335	663	823	**3,847**	**6,828**
July - Sept	22,070	18,948	**3,122**	4,576	2,146	289	1,035	1,037	**2,721**	**5,843**
Oct - Dec	12,969	11,168	**1,801**	3,864	908	-329	649	502	**2,480**	**4,281**
Total	*65,255*	*54,768*	***10,487***	*15,839*	*4,712*	*952*	*2,936*	*2,765*	***11,908***	***22,395***
2004										
Jan - Mar	16,834	13,306	**3,528**	4,069	710	387	588	402	**3,560**	**7,088**
Apr - Jun	20,172	17,721	**2,451**	4,562	949	196	663	823	**3,969**	**6,420**
July - Sept	19,334	17,438	**1,896**	4,525	2,227	980	1,035	1,037	**3,280**	**5,176**
Oct - Dec	13,481	9,756	**3,725**	3,278	965	183	649	502	**2,349**	**6,074**
Total	*69,821*	*58,221*	***11,600***	*16,434*	*4,851*	*1,746*	*2,935*	*2,764*	***13,158***	***24,758***

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